(a) whether "Gandhian Chairs" are proposed to be set up in various universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it will be set up; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to propagate Gandhian principle among the student community in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), thirty six Gandhian Studies Centres have been established by the Commission in various Universities/Institutes/Colleges during the Xth Plan.

IGNOU Study Centres

2767. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of study centres of IGNOU in the country and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether IGNOU has developed any system of accreditation of its study centres and parameters to reflect the academic performance of the teachers and students of respective study centres;

(c) if so, the parameters against which accreditation is made and the details of rankings of the study centres;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would consider evolving a system to monitor the academic performance of the teachers and students of respective study centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The State-wise list of Study Centres of IGNOU, excluding the study centres at army establishments (numbering 62), is given in statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) According to IGNOU, its study centres which are set up in other academic institutions and use the infrastructure of host institutions, are running satisfactorily.

(e) IGNOU is an autonomous statutory organization and functions as per the provisions under its Act, Statutes and Ordinances, which govern all the matters including the academic matters like performance of teachers and students.

Statement

State-wise list of study centres of IGNOU

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No. of Study Centres
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8
2.	Andhra Pradesh	61
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	10
4.	Assam	48
5.	Bihar	58
6.	Chhattisgarh	21
7.	Daman & Diu	10
8.	Delhi	83
9.	Goa	6
10.	Gujarat	58
11.	Haryana	33
12.	Himachal Pradesh	32
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	49
14.	Jharkhand	53
15.	Karnataka	57
16.	Kerala	49
17.	Madhya Pradesh	59
18.	Maharashtra	58

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No. of Study Centres
19.	Manipur	10
20.	Meghalaya	57
21.	Mizoram	18
22.	Nagaland	17
23.	Orissa	95
24.	Pondicherry	2
25.	Punjab	38
26.	Rajasthan	50
27.	Sikkim	6
28.	Tamil Nadu	105
29.	Tripura	32
30.	Uttar Pradesh	105
31.	Uttaranchal	23
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
33.	Lakshdweep	1
34.	West Bengal	63
	TOTAL:	1375

Promotion of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in rural areas

†2768. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what effective steps are being taken by Government for speedy promotion of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether Government are getting any financial assistance from international financial institutions in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and names of the financial institutions in the world from whom financial assistance has been received during the last

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.